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Weddings and Christenings

1. There are almost no marriages in Lithuania because of the fear of deportation. The Soviet Government in Lithuania has fixed a fee of 600 rubles for a church wedding, while a civil ceremony costs only 6 rubles. Even though Lithuanians dislike civil marriages, no one can afford a wedding in a church. The fee for a christening is 320 rubles.

Funerals

2. A policeman from Krosna (54-25N, 23-3JE) covered the coffin of his dead wife with a red flag and carried a picture of Stalin instead of a cross during the funeral. He received a premium of 500 rubles for this from the Soviets.

Church Attendance

3. Teachers and government workers are prohibited from going to church. The parson in Krosna was forced to move from his parsonage to a small room nearby, and the parsonage was occupied by the militia. The militia thus can see every person who goes to church. The parish priest from Sestokai (west of Krosna) has been deported to Siberia.

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